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The "BOSTON GARDENS" of the West

Vis Valley Middle School students cheering for the VVMS hoopsters.

VVMS girls team beat Denman girls.

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Vis gets a new gym floor

On November 20th, 1992, the new gym floor at Visitacio Valley Middle School was dedicated with a grand flourish. The program began with some terrific music from the VVMS Band, with Susan Dickens conducting. Ms. Dickens and her musicians performed a very exciting program. Following welcome speeches by principal Fannie Jo Peagler and assistant principal John Curran, the VVMS Spirit Team entertained with the special VVMS cheers...they were great.

The special program featured speeches by coaches and athletes from all around the City including; Dan Hayes of City College of San Francisco, Ron Isola of Riordan High School, John Perez of Sacred Heart, Cory Russell of U.S.F. along with player Tyrone Paul, and others. H. J. Solin, assistant superintendent of SFUSD and Judith Kell, supervisor, both had appropriate remarks on the occasion.

A plaque was presented to the school, commemorating the occasion of the dedication of the new floor, and was accepted by Ms. Peagler.

Following another selection from the VVMS band, and a cheer from the Spirit Team, "mini-games" were played between the VVMS girls team and the Denman girls team; and between the Denman and VVMS boys teams. The VVMS girls beat Denman, and the boys team played to a tie in the six minute contest. A lovely vocal rendition of "My Second Home" by the VVMS chorus closed the program.

Congratulations to everyone at "Vis" on their new gym floor... and especially on the talented young people that play music, sing, play basketball and cheer at Visitacion Valley Middle School.

MISS SUNNYDALE 1993

by Shirletha Holmes-Boxx

The San Francisco Boys & Girls Club sponsored the 3rd Annual Miss Sunnydale Beauty Pageant. It was a smashing success!!!!

The new Miss Sunnydale is Shanani Bardell, Congratulations from everybody in the Valley. We wish you the best of luck!!!

This event was coodinated by Dana Anderson, who is doing an outstanding job at the Boys and Girls Club with all the children of Sunnydale. Algernon Demon was the handsome emcee. If you were not there you missed a treat. Michelle Littlefield and Yolanda Tompkins directed the girls in some drill steps that were second to none. Overall, the program which was supported by local businesses such as Leland Locksmith and Butt Naked Productions and many other sponsors was an exceptional program we are all looking forward to next year's event.

Jordan Announces 1992-93 Children's Amendment Funding Program

Mayor Frank M. Jordan has announced the 1992-93 funding program for San Francisco's Children's Fund and outlined his vision for the 1993-94 Children's Services Program.

The Children's Fund, which sets aside funds specifically for organizations and services that serve the needs of San Francisco's children, was mandated by the 1992 Proposition J Children's Amendment measure.

"An investment in our children is the best investment we can ever make - and San Francisco's Children's Amendment is a major step toward investing for the future of the children of this great city," said Jordan.

The Children's Amendment provides for the maintenance and expansion of services for children in four primary service categories for a ten year period, including child care; health and social services; job readiness, training and placement; and libraries, recreation, delinquency prevention and education.

"The Children's Amendment - the first of its kind in tha nation - will become a national model for guaranteeing services to children," said Jordan. "It offers us an invaluable tool in San Francisco's ongoing effort to provide services and opportunities for our children in a time of severe fiscal constraints."

In addition to simply requiring the City to maintain appropriations for children's services, the Children's Amendment established the San Francisco's Children's Fund to expand services in the four designated areas. The funds are administered by the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families, under the direction of Anthony Lincoln.

The funding program represents the dedicated work of countless numbers of San Franciscans - from the thousands of residents who voted for the Children's Amendment, the many community people who developed the legislation that required the 1992-93 Children's Services plan, the hundreds of non-profit organizations which participated in this process, the 45 community representatives who I appointed to review 124 proposals with requests totaling over four times the available $3.1 million to nonprofit agencies and to make funding recommendations, to the staff of the Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and their Families.

The result is a comprehensive funding program that grants $3.1 million to 40 community-based organizations serving as lead agencies in children's programs which include over 190 collaborating

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News from Geneva Towers

Special Events: Geneva Towers Resident Council

by Lucy Y. White, President

THe office of the Geneva Towers Resident Council was officially opened on August 31, 1992. The office is located at 222 Schwerin Street, Room 216-B. To mark the occasion, an "Open House" affair was held on September 17, 1992, in the Resident Council's office. Among those present were representatives from various community organizations, and city, state, and federal officials, as well as John K. Stewart Management representation.

On October 3, 1992 a "Celebration" was held, on the grounds of Geneva Towers, to announce the award of a HOPE II Planning Grant to the Resident Council. An enlarged facsimile of the check was presented to the Council by Mr. John Wilson, Administrator, HUD, Region IX.

Supervisor Willie B. Kennedy spoke on the importance of the HOPE II Program and congratulated the Council; Mr. Lonnie Lawson, HCDC, also spoke on the purpose of the Program.

Supervisor Angela Alioto congratulated the Council, and presented a special award, a Certificate of Honor, from the Board of Supervisors to Ms. Victoria Gray and Mr. Thomas Harrison, in recognition of their outstanding success in establishing and maintaining a Sattelite Youth Library at Geneva Towers. Other speakers included, John K. Stewart (JSCO), Michael Yaki from Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi's office, Leslie Burch, Youth Group at Geneva Towers, and Jim Brown, Amer-I-Can Program.

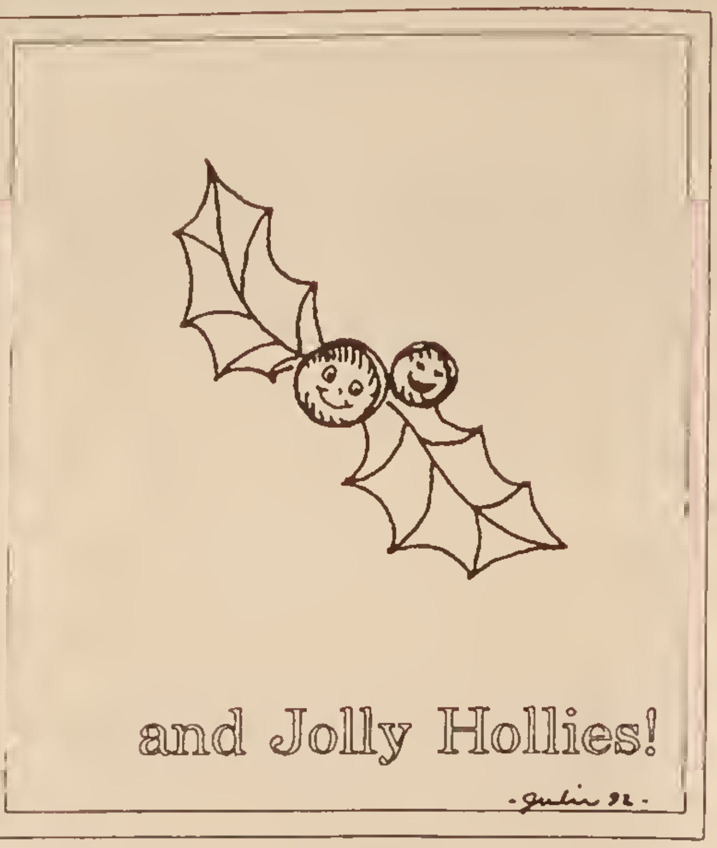
Community organizations, as well as city, state and federal officials were well represented at this "Celebration".

BOOK REVIEW

The World Almanac Commemorative Edition, edited by June Foley, Mark Hoffman, and Tom McGuire of the Word Almanac and Book of Facts (Pharos Books; 560 pgs.; $12.95)

To mark its 125th anniversary, the World Almanac assembled this collection of information, including the complete 1868 120 page original edition, and selections from 1893, 1943, and 1968.

Comparing statistics from these years earns the book its appeal, especially the facts culled from the 1943 edition, published during World War 2 with a number of countries under seige.



Messages from Geneva Towers

The following two letters were written by a lady whose child attends the Head Start Program at Geneva Towers and a former employee of the Towers.

Tina Watts:

"On November 18th 1992, I was exiting a side door at approx. 2:25 p.m. at 222 Schwerin, when I was approached by a caucasian security guard by the name of Kendall. He stated to me that the exit was not for public use. I told him I understood but I was six months pregnant. In the midst of our conversation a grounds person by the name of Cynthia Carter had approached us out of the 2p Garage southside. When she observed, at the time the security guard was smiling and kept saying I don't give a f--- if you are pregnant. Cynthia and I thought he was just playing until I tried to reach for my 2 year old son who attended the Head Start Program in Geneva Towers. He proceeded to step between myself and my son which made me very emotional. Cynthia told me that he was just joking until she seen that he was becoming very aggressive. He was still being very belligerant and sarcastic, and pulled out his walkie talkie and called for back up. I asked him why did he need backup for an African-American woman and her two year old child, he became agitated and began to move his hand towards his weapon, while still standing in betwen myself and my son. Cynthia, the ground person advised me to proceed to the A building and file a report. I agreed and took my son and my niece, walked up the two flights of stairs through the 2p Garage and exit out of the front door. Meanwhile while walking to the front of the building to meet the children I heard at least three other officers running to the stairwell with their hands on their guns, getting ready to draw, when again Cynthia asked, "Why do you need weapons for one pregnant woman with a child?"

It seems to me that the Geneva Towers security has their priorities very confused. When the time comes for them to be aggressive they chose to be passive, but for one woman expecting a child and another child in her arms, they chose to play SWAT. As a result, one woman loses her job, and another woman feels very angry. It seems that this officer does not know how to handle simple situations dealing with people of color, and his supervisors do not know how to handle beligerent security guards. Thank you.

Cynthia Carter:

On November 18, 1992, I observed an employee of Geneva Towers by the last name of Kendall, who works with the Security as a security guard, cursing violently at a pregnant woman who was leaving out of the southside exit door.

Officer Kendall was advised by this pregnant woman that she was six months pregnant and in hearing this he told the woman, whose name is Tina Watts, "I don't give a f---." After overhearing this, I grew concerned, as I was wondering who was speaking in such a vulgar manner...to an expecting mother at that.

So, as I approached the area where this pregnant woman was being disrespected and mistreated, I observed a young lady who is 12 years old holding a baby about 2 years old, and Ms. Watts being separated from them. I told her tell the 12 year old girl to "come on..." When she tried to leave out, the guard (Kendall) wouldn't let her through, so I asked why couldn't they go through the door. He replied, "Because I said they can't." So, I advised Ms. Watts to go see the Manager, Mr. Arthur Hutton, then I walked away.

As I walked away, I heard some more guards running towards the exit and as I looked up they were grabbing their guns. I interrupted their intentions by advising them there was a six month pregnant woman down there, which the officer failed to tell them as he requested his so-called "back-up." (What would have happened, had I not said anything...would Ms. Watts have been threatened at gun point?) Mr. Jim Jeffreys hollered at me and told me to stay the f--- out of Security's business! Being shocked, hurt and disgusted (because I looked up to Jim J....one might say I adored him and respected him as a person.)

If I had to do it all again, I would, because I am a mother of four, myself...so I could imagine how helpless Ms. Watts felt. As a result, the officer lied on me and I was terminated two days later...on my day off, I might add.

Five Years Ago in the Grapevine

DECEMBER 1987

* San Francisco teenagers, hoping to have been employed through the Mayor's In-School Youth (MISY) Employment Program, joined several community leaders in a press conference on the steps of San Francisco City Hall. Several months after the program was to have started, it was announced there was no funding.

* San Francisco Recreation and Park Department and the Housing Authority co-sponsored a performing arts series for children living in public housing developments and surrounding areas with free performances held at nearby recreational facilities.

* About 250 bedridden patients at Ft. Miley Veterans' Hospital in the Richmond district received special Christmas cheer from a group of dedicated seniors when members of the Visitacion Valley Community Center, Chapter 99 of the American Association of Retired Persons, and the El Vespero 118 Native Daughters of the Golden West busily baked batches of cookies for the hospitalized veterans.

* Visitacion Valley Senior Escort at 590 Leland Ave. was one of the host sites for SHARE, a food distribution program sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

* San Francisco Education Fund contributed to the new Community Room at Visitacion Valley Middle School.

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REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN AND NEGATIVE DECLARATION

BAYSHORE RAILYARD

Brisbane, California

The period of review and comment for the draft Remedial Action Plan (RAP) and the Negative Declaration for the Bayshore Railyard in Brisbane, California has been extended until Monday, December 21, 1992.

Brisbane citizens have expressed interest in reviewing the removal option that was not the recommended alternative for remedial action at the Bayshore Railyard. The Department of Toxic Substances Control has therefore added an addendum describing this removal option to the draft RAP.

Copies of the Negative Declaration and the draft RAP are available for public review at the Visitacion Valley Community Center at 50 Raymond Avenue, San Francisco and the Brisbane Public Library, 250 Visitacion Avenue, Brisbane. Library hours are Monday through Wednesday 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm; Thursday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The Library is closed on Friday and Sunday. Visitacion Valley Community Center hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and Sunday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm (other times by arrangement).

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nonprofit agencies throughout San Francisco.

Listed below is a brief description of some of the areas that received funding for expanded children's services.

CATEGORY 1: Childcare Funding

$1 million has been allocated to expand childcare services in San Francisco. This translates into 2,000 more children receiving adequate child care.

For example, the Wu Yee Children's Services will develop a voucher program which will bridge the gap between market rate childcare expenses and the amount which low and moderate income families can afford to pay.

The Childcare funding program provides for expansion of San Francisco's Unified School District's "Children's Centers" to increase the number of school-age children of low and moderate income families involved in latch-key programs, including the capacity to "mainstream" disabled children.

Additionally, the fund provides respite care - or short term relief - to reduce the stress on parents or caregivers, and to reduce the risk of neglect or abuse of children.

CATEGORY 2: Health and Social Services

Some $400,000 has been allocated to nonprofit agencies to provide health education and screening for low-income children from uninsured or underinsured families who are unlikely to receive preventive health screening and services otherwise.

Funds have been allocated to leverage additional federal funds to expand health care and social services beyond the San Francisco Children's Fund.

For example, the allocation of $100,000 to San Francisco's Healthy Start program has leveraged an additional $400,000 in state funds under SB 620.

Other programs include providing a preventive health team, which includes a mental health/social worker, nurse practitioner and health outreach worker, at community facilities in high risk neighborhoods to provide approximately 5,000 visits annually, or 4-5 visits per child.

Additionally, funds will be provided to the Hamilton Family Center for children of families who are homeless or recently-homeless for an array of coordinated, preventive health, and social services, and funds to Wu Yee Children's Services for child abuse prevention.

CATEGORY 3: Job Readiness, Training and Placement

More than $800,000 in job readiness, training, and placement programs has been allocated.

Specifically, $470,000 will go to increase access for at-risk youth to job readiness and G.E.D. preparation. For example an $80,000 grant to "Bridges...From School to Work" will increase the number of children with learning and physical disabilities receiving access to training by 30%.

$300,000 will be allocated to the Japanese Community Youth Council above the existing $750,000 funded in the "base line" to expand the Mayor's Youth Employment and Education Program by 20%. Over 11 different agencies, representing 11 different neighborhoods, are part of the collaborative effort with the Japanese Community Youth Council to serve all ethnic groups.

More than $35,000 will be allocated to the Visitacion Valley community Center for early exposure for at-risk youth ages 11 to 13 years for job readiness skills, work experience and supportive counseling service aimed at drop-out prevention. This program will serve children in five high-risk neighborhoods.

CATEGORY 4: Delinquency Prevention & Education & Special Needs

$170,000 has been provided to Operation Contact, Inc. and RAP, Inc. to develop "Teen Multi-Service Centers" where an array of preventive services for youth are co-located at a single site.

$263,000 will go to Camp Fire Boys & Girls, the Mission Reading Clinic, and San Francisco Educational Services, Inc. to provide culturally appropriate community-based educational programs such as after-school homework assistance and tutoring.

Funds have been allocated to the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice to reduce the number of youth in court-ordered detention by providing community-based educational programs such as after-school homework assistance and tutoring.

Funds have been allocated to the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice to reduce the number of youth in court-ordered detention by providing community-based alternatives for nonviolent juvenile offenders.

This category also establishes a "special needs" fund to provide a capacity within the San Francisco Children's Fund to respond to special needs in any service category. Some programs that will receive funding from the "special needs" fund include the Lavender Youth Recreation Information Center to expand services to lesbian and gay youth; and the Mission Youth Soccer League to provide recreational opportunities for up to 1,500 children, primarily from the Missiion District.

Plans for 1993-94 Children's Services Program

Jordan also outlined his vision for the 1993-94 Children's Services Program.

"As we look toward developing an effective Children's Service Program for the 1993-94 fiscal year - one that wil give us the best return on our $13.6 milliion investment - we have determined that there is a significant need for better collaboration between social service providers and our education system," said Jordan.

On the most basic level, there is a direct connection between a child's social service needs and his or her ability to do well in school.

For example, if a child is hungry, it is hard to concentrate. If a child has not slept well because he or she lives in a shelter with one hundred other homeless people, it is difficult to stay awake in class. And for many homeless children, it is nearly impossible to even attend school on a regular basis. And, if a child experiences physical or emotional abuse in the home, homework is not likely to be his or her first priority.

Better coordination will minimize duplication and ensure a continuum of services that are delivered in a structured, coherent manner to our children.

As a first step toward improved collaboration, Jordan will be asking his City department heads to thoughtfully consider how they can provide their services in conjunction with the schools.

"I have asked the departments to target a portion of their funds received under the Children's Amendment to help the San Francisco Unified School District in its difficult task of equipping and preparing our children for the future," said Jordan.

For example, Jordan has asked the Departments of Recreation and Parks to work to improve the physical education classes in the schools, the Public Libraries to work more closely with school libraries, and the Private Industry Council to bring job training programs into the schools.

Jordan's funding recommendations were heard before the Board of Supervisors' Finance Committee on November 18th.

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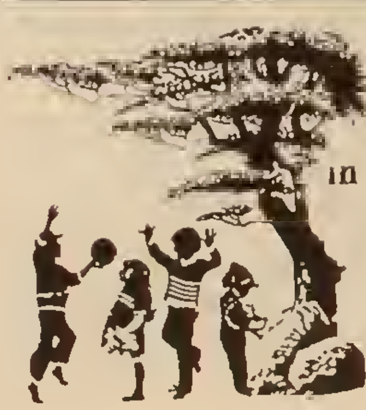

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Meet Ingleside's New Captain

by J. Kavanagh

Captain Harlan A. Wilson has been appointe the Captain of the Ingleside Police District as of mid-November. I met with him at the Ingleside Station on November 19th. I was curious to find out whether having a new Captain would mean changes in the way that the District was operating. When the Ingleside Station first was made responsible for the Sunnydale area the transition was difficult; but in recent months relationships had improved, largely due to the work of Sargeant Jim Leach of the CPOP program at Ingleside. At the beginning of our interview, Captain Wilson assured me that he was not interested in "change for changes sake", and that he did not intend to change too much at the present time. He stated that his two top priorities were to impact and decrease violent crime through efficient law enforcement, and to increase the quaity of life for the residents of the District through community involvement.

Captain Wilson feels that coming to the Ingleside District is like coming home. He was raised on the corner of Edinburg and France Streets, attended Epiphany Gramar School and Reardon High School. After attending USF and City College, he finished at San Francisco State with a degree in Biology, and obtained an MPA at Golden Gate University. Wilson can remember a tie when he, his father, brother, uncle, father-in-law, cousin, his brother's father-in-law were all in the Police Department together. In fact, his dad was in the Ingleside District for many years. He didn't always think he'd be a cop, however. After a turn in Vietnam, his dad challenged him to take the SFPD entrance exam. He took it without really considering police work as a lifetime career, but when he passed the exam number one on the list, he rethought his position. Since then, he has come to really enjoy his work in the SFPD, leaving only in the years between 1970-73 to help the city of Pleasant Hill start their new Police Department. His favorite assignment so far has been as the Captain in charge during the night shift at SFPD.

Wilson remembers, as a long-time resident of our area, when Sunnydale was a more pleasant place to live. He hopes that he can help restore that part of the neighborhood to its original ambience. He is interested in seeing that more than just police work happens there, remembering the nice lawns and cleanliness that used to be one of the hallmarks of Sunnydale.

The Captain says he realizes that he, and we, must work within the constraints...financial and physical...made necessary after "prop 13" was passed; however he feels that it is imperative that his priorities of reducing violence and promoting good community relations are followed. He states that he is a staunch supporter of the CPOP concept of community police work. Sgt. Anne Cazahous is in charge of CPOP at Ingleside station, and Sgt. Jim Leach is currently functioning as both patrol sargeant supervisor and is covering the Sunnydale CPOP area.

I complimented Captain Wilson on Sgt. Leach, and asked him how he planned to coordinate and work with the Potrero Police District; since the district dividing line runs right through the middle of our Valley. As an example, I told him about the Elementary School building (Little Vis) being in Ingleside and the yard in Potrero. Captain Wilson mentioned that he had worked with Captain Hettrich (the new Potrero Captain) before, and expected that they could work well together. I told him that we all hoped that we could get them both together for a "get acquainted" luncheon with the neighbors, and he seemed interested in the idea.

Captain Harlan Wilson of Ingleside Police Station.

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Halloween Parade

by April Serrano Prado

On Friday October 30th 1992, my class and others had our usual every year Halloween parade. First we all dressed up. I had to call my dad to get my shoes for my Halloween costume , but he couldn't and went to the school parade. First all classes formed a square and then several classes had formed in a circle in the middle of the square that was formed. There were children dressed in many costumes like witches, angles, clowns, rockstars, nurses, maids, batman, mutant ninja turtles, and also many children were dressed in famous characters like Marilin Monroll and others. My classmates and I were dressed in many interesting things, too. Like devils and many characters are in cartoons like Rogger Rabbit. Rogger Rabbit is in cartoons and in movies with live characters. But the most famous character is the witch because many people are dressed up in witch costumes. Then soon the Halloween parade was over. Everybody went in there classrooms and had their Halloween party. My class and I had to do our spelling test first. Then we had fun day when the Halloween party began.

by Jameson Dea

On Friday all the classes at Visitacion Valley Elementary School march in a Halloween Parade. First some of the parents brought their children or kid's costume. Next the kids and teachers in the school dressed up in their costume. Then all the classes walked out on the school yard and lined up. Then the classes were marching around making a big circle. Finally, when the classas were marching four times in a big circle, eacch class marched in a small circle one time. And the Halloween Parade was over.

by Sharon Couvson

On Friday there were a lot of beautiful costumes. Parents were nice enough to put make-up paint on our faces. Some of the other kids that didn't have costumes was jealous of the other kids.

A lot of people asked the kids,"what do you suppose to be,"the parents asked.I said"a girl from the 60's"and they said"are you a bobby soxer?" When we went around the circle everyone was looking around. So Emelda and I jumped in the circle and did a spin.

After the parade in the yard we went into class and were getting ready for a party and we met Sammy's dad Sam. He is a very nice guy. He was nice and helped Ms. Hale serve the snacks. After that D.J. and I went to daycare and showed our costumes and had a little party and a touch and feel scary house. Then my dad came and picked me up.

We went home. On Saturday went to a Halloween party at night and I met my friends and family. Then I left and went trick or treating. Then I passed out some candy and went back to the party.

News from Woodrow Wilson High

THE CENTURION

Mr. Nick Fesunoff and Mr. Eric Norton, Advisors for "The Centurion", Woodrow Wilson High School's newspaper have been working with the students to produce this very excellent student paper. In content it is a microcosm of a big city paper; covering good news and bad, general and special interests, news, sports, the arts, biographies, examinations of political and moral issues. All in all it is a very interesting paper, and easily readable. The design of the paper shows imagination and thought. The really hot issues begin on the front pages, and continue farther back, drawing the reader's eye further into the content of the entire issue. Headlines are bold, and photos are well placed.

The "Centurion", like the Grapevine, has need of help. Specifically, they are asking for students who can be photographers, sports reporters and cartoonists. In addition, they, like the GV, need advertisers that they can rely on to help keep the paper solvent. **Attention merchants: High School students are some of your best customers...remember to advertise in the Centurion when you have items for sale that might appeal to this very important customer group. We know it will pay off in increased business for you.** These days, the neighborhood and school and church and club papers and bulletins are much more widely read than the big city papers...and less expensive to advertise in.

All in all, the "Centurion" is a great paper. The students, who do the entire production, from stories to printing, deserve a lot of credit for their terrific job.

BASEBALL

Dan Harrington, Varsity Baseball Coach, brings news of the upcoming baseball season at Woodrow Wilson High School. The Varsity and Frosh/Soph teams are scheduled to play a full roster of games, starting on February 18, 1993 and ending in late May and early June (assuming that the Warriors win the Transbay Championship Series in June). Baseball players must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0, and are encouraged to aim for at least a 3.0 GPA. They are told, "Shoot for the stars, not at your feet." Qualities that are stressed are discipline, respect for self and others, school spirit and sportsmanship.

Note: Watch the Grapevine calendar...we'll try to publish as many of the Warriors game dates as we have space.

A WORD ON MR. DAN HARRINGTON

The students at Wilson are very lucky to have such a dedicated coach. This man not only works the whole season for less than most people make in a month, but uses the money to pay for uniforms and other equipment for the team. How does he live? He works at another job to make a living. If you're Christmas shopping for kids presents, please try the Imaginarium in Stonestown Shopping Center...ask for Mr. Harrington.

Dan is also trying to raise enough funds to buy uniforms for the players this year, and for a batting cage. We know he would be grateful for any donations toward this project. Send them care of Woodrow Wilson High School, 400 Mansell St., San Francisco, CA 94134. Tell your friends!

Mr. Harrington, keep up the good work. You're quite a guy!

The Christmas Story

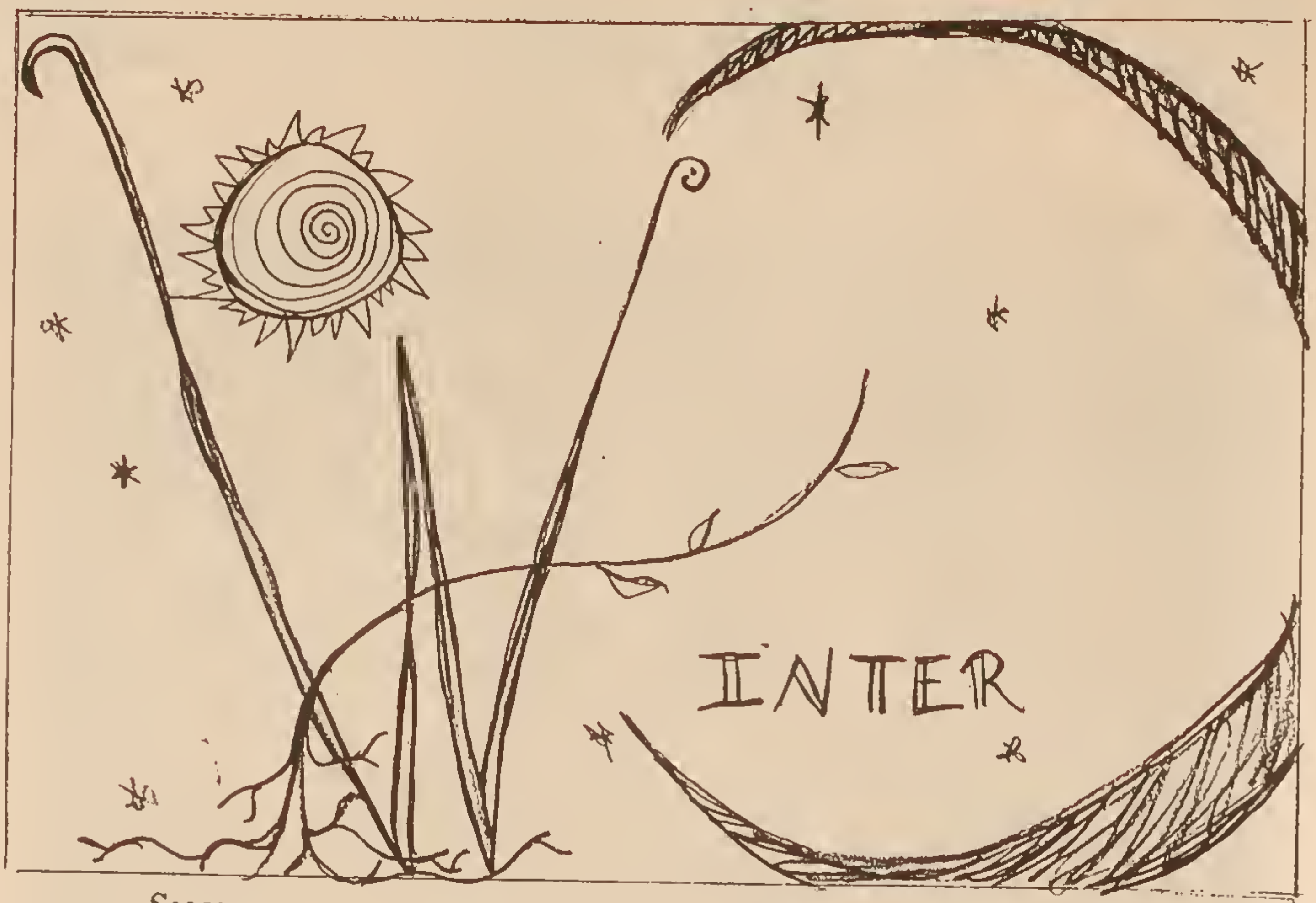
by Marina

Once upon a time, there was a man named Jone. He hates Christmas. One day when he came home, he saw a ghost and he was scared. He went up to his room and dressed up to go to sleep. Suddenly he heard a voice. Then he saw a little mouse appearing by the window. Jone was real scared now. The little mouse started talking. The mouse said, "Hi, my name is Jr." Jone is real scared. The mouse took Jone's hand and flew out the window. Jone was frightened and said, "Where are you taking me?"

"I'm taking you to the past.", said the mouse. "What?", said Jone.

When they got there, they saw Jone when he was little. "It is me, when I was little," said Jone.

"Yep, that's you all right," said the mouse. "I used to like Christmas," said Jone. I am going to like Christmas!



Seasons

by Jescina Adams

Winter. Winter is very cold. It snows and it rains. When it's cold you will catch a cold! I hate winter. Fall. Fall is a place.. Every fall it makes leaves fall. I like crunchy leaves. I step on them. Summer. Summer is a great time. I like summer because you can go swimming and of lots of other things. I love summer. Spring. Spring is "Oh!" I like spring because when spring comes the flowers grow and they are very pretty, I like to pick floweres. I love the seasons.

What does Thanksgiving mean to me?

by April Serrano

Thanksgiving means to me that to share my thanks to my family and friends. Because for doing the things they did for me and from me saying thank you for the things they've done for me again. "Saying thank you once again for doing things for me." Thanksgiving means to me of having my family reunion and also eating turkey and also sharing the turkey with others. Thanksgiving means to me that to have fun on the last Thursday of November. "Thanksgiving." Thanksgiving means to me of giving thanks to my Mother and father for giving me this life. I give thanks to my Sister and brother for helping me and teaching me things I don't know. I give thanks to my whole entire family for giving me things and doing things for me and for thanking my family and finally most of all for loving and caring for me and accepting for who I am and what I do for people and especially my caring, loving, sharing and honest way of saying "thank you."

by Marita Remias Turla

Thanksgiving means to me is to be thankful and being with your family and sharing and helpful to everyone. Having food for everyone. Because we give thanks for all the things god is giving us. You have to be thankful to your family, cousins, aunt, uncle, teachers, friends and yourself. You have to share foods and more. You have to be helpful to the homeless and others who can not buy a food or clothes and houses.

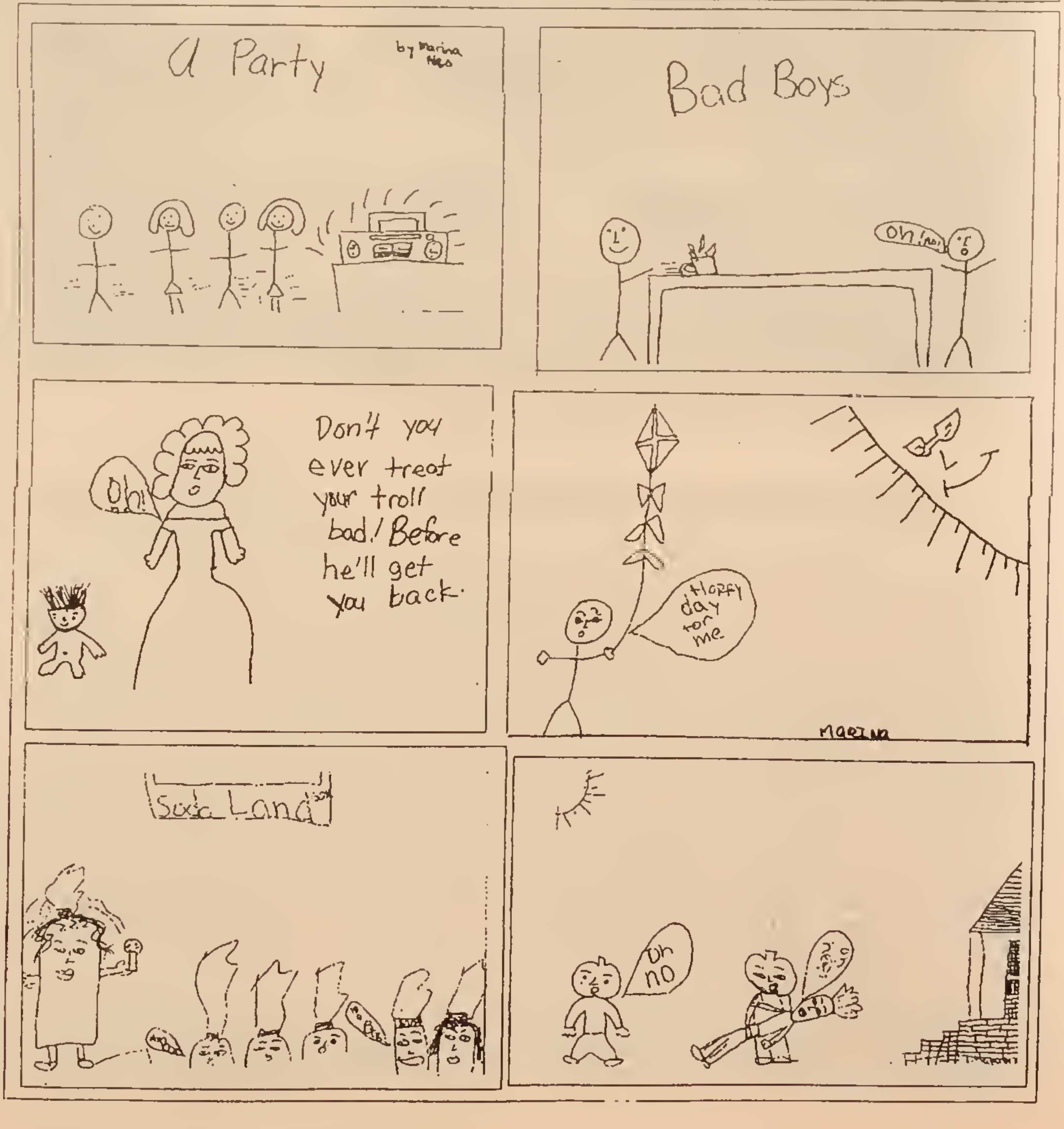
by LaCrisha Boxley

Thanksgiving means a lot to my family and I. Thanksgiving is a day of giving and loving. Thanksgiving means a whole lot to me so I go to the homeless and give them food. Thanksgiving mean to help out people like the homeless would you help out the homeless. Stay if you lived on the street would you like people to look and talk about you? No. OK, then don't go outside to talk about the homeless...give the homeless food, OK. I feel good that I help the homeless. I feel like a person now.

by Cherry Ordonez

To me thanksgiving is about being thankful to everyone. It's about sharing things with people. It's about doing things for people. Be kind to your family, teachers, friends, neighbors and everyone else. Give things to people. Be with your family and also be helpful to everyone. Eat dinner with your family. Because they helped you, they shared things with you. They gave you things. They were kind to you. When you needed some help they helped you. When you were sick they took care of you. And if you help them and be kind and give things to them, then you're saying you're appreciating what they did for you. I feel great to help people and give things to them and share things with them.

Thanks to Ms. Hale and her 4th graders.



The Girl With Long Eyebrows

Once upon a time there lived a girl named Lisa. She lived alone in an old small house. One day Lisa woke up and touched hereyes and suddenly she felt something strange was happening. Her eyebrows were growing very long.

Lisa went outside and in the forest. She fell over a rock and has broken her leg. Suddenly a fox came by her and she was a scareo.

The fox looked at her ferociously at her and the fox's eyes were bursting with a scare.

So she got away very fast and the fox was mad, but the fox did not catch her. She ran and ran. When she was home her eyebrows were getting smaller and smaller and she washed her face, and looked in the mirror and her eyebrows were back to normal. So she lived happily ever after.

THANK YOU LETTERS FROM LITTLE VIS

OCTOBER SCHOOL PAINTING PROJECT

Dear Alonso Smith

I'm taking this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation for all the terrific work you have done. A job well done.

By looking at the job you all have done, I'll say to you, you did a great and wonderful work.

After the earthquake, there were lots of cracks and ugly marks that were left behind. They are all gone now. All because you love to paint my school, Visitacion Valley Elementary in San Francisco.

This is that I shall say, I'm very proud of my school. Because it now represents cleanliness. I hope and wish that all the students can maintain and keep the school the way it is now. We will by keeping it clean at all times.

Once again thank you Alonso very much. I hope that you will continue to do good work for my school.

I'm Pou Luape from Visitacion Valley Elementary School. Room 202

Dear Bing K. Hung

Thank you Bing for painting my classroom, bathroom, cafeteria and the teachera' loung.The room was painted very nice . I an happy to know ther are good people like you to help make my school look pretty. I think you are the best. Visitacion Valley Elementary looks very nice.

By, DJ

10-6-92

Thankyou Bing K. Hung

Thank you for painting our school. You painted the school nice. The other people helped too. But I think you were the best. The clock looks real nice. Did you help paint the clocks? Will you come here again? And will I ever see you?

By,

Djalma Majani Tillett

Oct 8, 1992

Dear Chamber of Commerce

I feel great because the chamber of commerce and Kelly Moore got together and they donated the paint to schools all over and they donated the paint to our school and now all the classes look awesome chamber of Commerce helped paint the school. If there wasn't an earthquake our school would not look excellent.

by Jasmine Chouteau

10-13-92

Dear Amy,

Thank you for painting our classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, and cafeteria. You did very good work. Some kind of painting job you did. Now my school looks very nice.

Thank you for coming to our school to help us.

We at Visitacion Valley Elementary School thanks you very much Amy.

by Christian

Room 202

Dear Diana Quan

Thank you for helping paint our school, Visitacion Valley Elementary School. Thanks for all the hard work you did. It's very nice of you to help paint. I think you are a very nice person, even though I didn't know you. I hope in twenty years you will still volunteer your service here at Visitacion Valley Elementary School or other schools that need painting.

by Cherry Ordonez

Room 202

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JIRO

by Farleen Osias

7 year old Jiro and his trainer Taro lives in Japan. Taro trained Jiro, Monkey spinning. Jiro and Taro are T.V. stars with many television shows and they are great actors. Taro and Jiro have comedy shows, they're comedians. They do Chinese acrobats. They're commercial endorsers. They have celebrity. Jiro and Taro won the 1991 Arts Festival Award.

Questions

Where do you live in Japan?

What kind of monkey is Jiro?

How did you train Jiro how to do Monkeyspinning?

What kind of acrobats do you do?

JIRO, JIRO

by Djalma Tillett

Jiro is a seven year old monkey. Jiro is an intelligent monkey. Jiro is a famous monkey. Jiro and Taro will go around the world and make shows. Jiro and Taro are actor and in Japan they are real famous on T.V. stars. Jiro is on camerashot in Japan. Jiro has his own style. Jiro has lots of talent. And Jiro has his own culture. Jiro is a good acrobat. Jiro's trainer found him in 1981 and then trained him. Jiro is funny he has a good personality. His trainer, Jiro teaches him a lot of new stuff. He told him how to not be nervous while he's on the stage. Jiro is a real smart monkey he know how to answer other people question. Jiro know how to make friends. Jiro told him how to make people laugh. Jiro wears costumes when he performs. Jiro does things that you never saw before. Jiro walks down the stairs on his bare hands. Jiro can jump over thing that you can't jump over. Jiro jumped over something Chinese people use to fight with Jiro. Jiro jump over seven of the things the Chinese people fight with.

POEMS

By Jescina Adams

I like to run,
I like to hide,
But playing together is much more fun.
I like to slide,
I like to swing,
But playing together is a better thing.
I like to play in all kinds of weather,
But most of all I like playing together.

Fill the ball
Fill the game
I am sorry it is baseball game today.

JOKES

How much money does a skunk have?

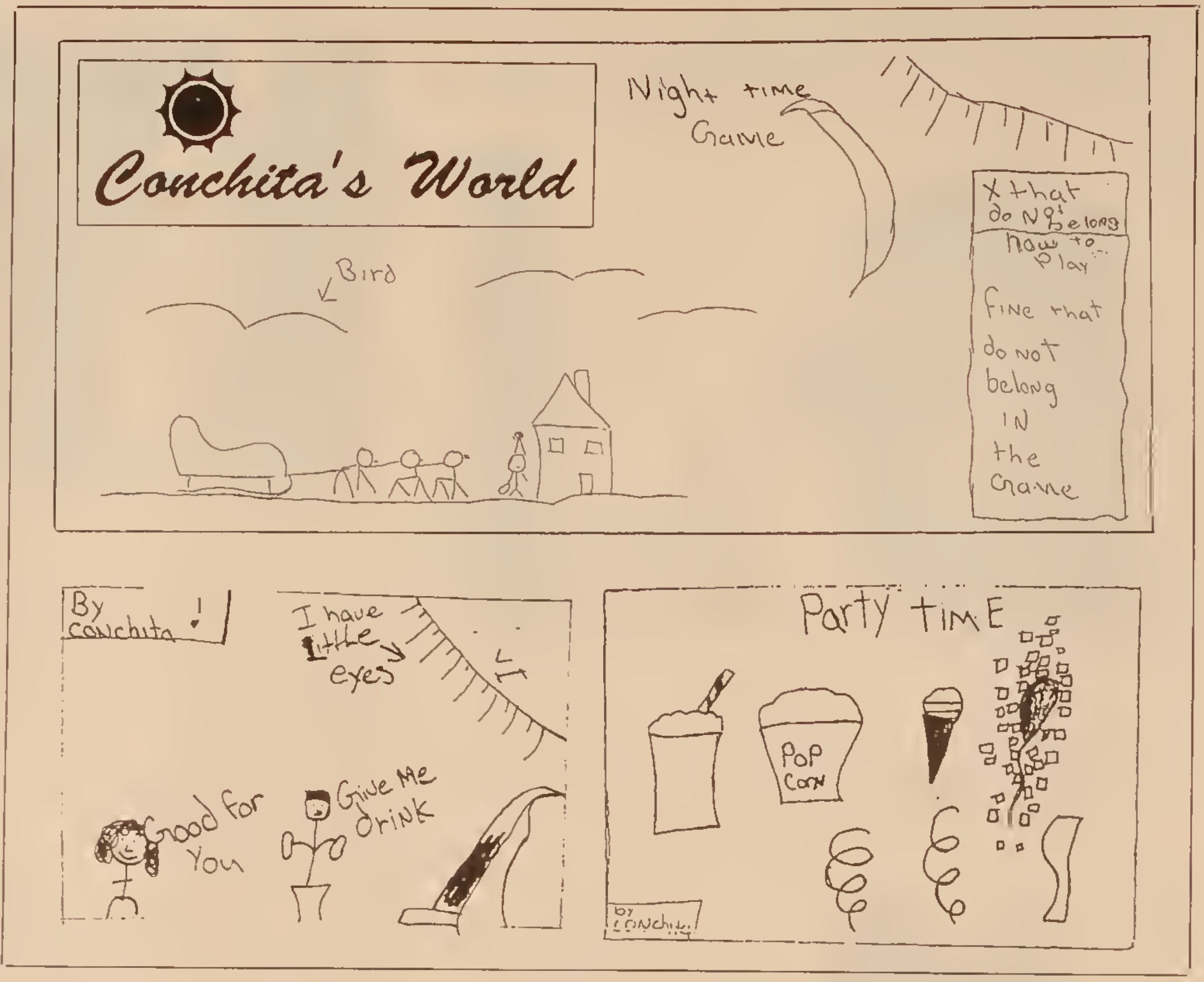
One scent!

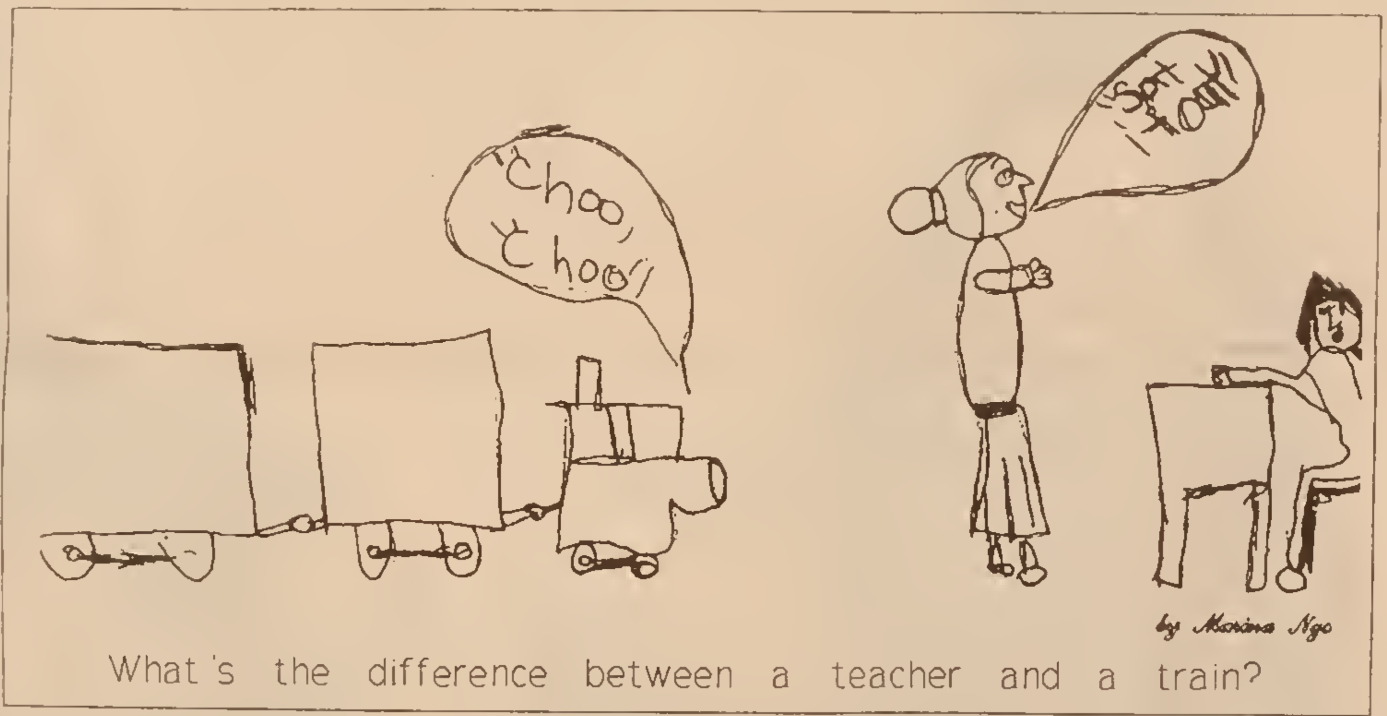
Knock-knock! Who's there? Police! Police who?

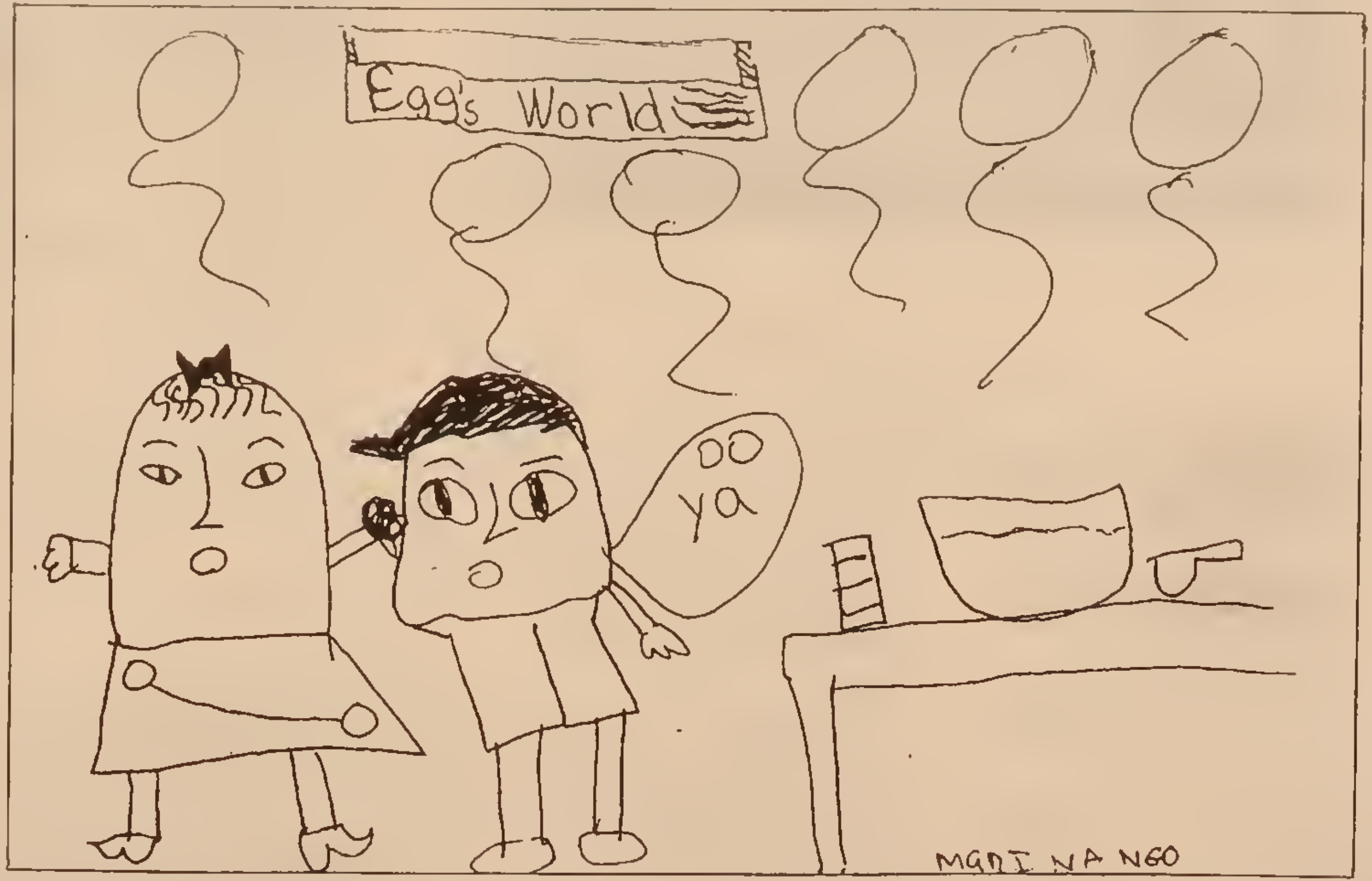
Please please open the door I'm tired of knocking!

What's the difference between a teacher and a train?

A train says "Choo-choo" and a teacher says "Spit it out!"







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DIVERSITY AWARENESS

by Sergeant Jim Leach
Ingleside Police Station

In the 21t century, 8 years away, racial and ethnic groups in the United States will outnumber whites for the first time. The "browning of America" will alter everything in society, from politics and education to industry, attitudes, values and cultures.

Already 1 American in 4 defines himself or herself as Hispanic or nonwhite. If current trends in immigration and birth rates persist, the Hispanic population will have further increased an estimated 21%, the Asian presence about 22%, blacks almost 12% and whites a little more than 2% when the 20th century ends.

By 2020, a date no further into the future than John F. Kennedy's election in the past, the number of United States residents who are Hispanic or nonwhite will have more than doubled, to nearly 115 million, while the white population will not be increasing at all.

By 2056, when someone born today will be 66 years old, the "average" United States resident, as defined by Census statistics, will trace his or her descent to Africa, Asia, the Hispanic world, the Pacific Islands, Arabia, almost anywhere but white Europe.

This trend is evident in the Visitacion Valley 1990 Census statistics; Asian 43.9%, blacks 32.8%, white 17%, Hispanics 12.4%, American Indians .05% and other 5.8%.

The terms "multiracial," "multiethnic" and "multicultural" brings up definitions that need clarification. The goal is not to have a society that is similar to Malaysia, where there are a number of separate cultures with no real shared culture.

Look at the 1990 Census and you'll notice that California is rapidly becoming "multiracial," "multiethnic" plus multilingual." There are one hundred different languages spoken in homes in California.

Improving the quality of life in our community is important to all of us. It can be best accomplished by people from different cultures working together to achieve shared goals.

Although we may come from different cultures, we should also look at the similarities that we share. We all want a safe community to live and work in. And the better we know each other, the better we can live in peace and harmony.

We should not wait until confrontations and misunderstandings motivate us to act in an inappropriate way. We should use prevention and intervention as a strategy to foster positive interactions that will ultimately lead to mutual respect between the different cultures.

The comunity and the police must also work together in a partnership to prevent crime and neighborhood decay. Ongoing strategy meetings should help to develop priorities for addressing short and long term problems.

In order to prevent crime and neighborhood decay, it is important to foster a sense of individual responsibility among community members, especially school-aged youth. Alternative activities are needed to prevent them from being lured into criminal activities.

Consequently, programs involving recreational activities, job and life skills development, mentoring, education, and cross-cultural training are needed.

Lack of cross-cultural experiences can act as barriers to establishment of positive interaction between the different cultures and the police.

A concerted effort to bring people together, will pay off with positive dividends, and enhance the quality of life for all involved!

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA, STRATEGY, OR POINT OF VIEW ABOUT DIVERSITY AWARENESS THAT YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH OTHERS? IF SO, LET ME KNOW...Sergeant Jim Leach, Ingleside Police Station, 333-3433.

Parent - Child Communications

Valley-Wide Parent Council presents
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THIS MONTH In San Francisco HISTORY

Dec. 1: In 1856, an association of several printers established the Daily Morning Call, publishing the newspaper six times a week.

Dec. 4: In 1915, the Panama Pacific Exposition closed its gates.

Dec. 8: In 1913, workers began constructing the Palace of Fine Arts for the Panama Pacific Exposition. In 1941, as the nation still panicked over the December 7 Japanese attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor, San Francisco experienced its first wartime blackout at 6:15 p.m.

Dec. 10: In 1923, Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr. began publishing his San Francisco Illustrated Daily Herald, a one cent tabloid devoted to unsensational journalism.

Dec. 11: In 1914, the Stockton Street Tunnel, a 911-foot cut through Nob Hill between Sacramento and Sutter Sts., was finished. Its completion was celebrated December 28, and Muni F-line streetcar service ran through it the following day.

Dec. 21: In 1952, the twin bore Broadway Tunnel was completed through Russian Hill between Powell and Larkin Sts.

Dec. 24: In 1849, a severe fire the night before Christmas caused more than $1 million in damages, destroying a large portion of the City's business district.

Dec. 25: In 1871, construction commenced on San Francisco's City Hall at the corner of Market and McAllister Sts., to be eventually completed and turned over to the City more than 28 years later. In 1912, the San FRancisco Municipal Railway inaugurated service to the City when Mayor James Rolph operated the first streetcar up Geary St.

Dec. 29: In 1956, after 44 years of streetcar service, the B-Geary line was replaced full-time by the 38 Geary busses.

Dec. 30: In 1857, compilers of the first San Francisco Directory estimated the City's total population at 60,500, including 15,000 females and 16,000 people under 21 years of age.

They Were San Franciscans

JAMES KING OF WILLIAM

One of San Francisco's most controversial and colorful journalists, James King of William, was on the job for little more than seven months before he irritated one man to the point of murder. King was only 34 years old when James Casey, editor of a small weekly City newspaper, the Sunday Times, gunned him down as he crossed Montgomery St. from his newspaper's office.

Born January 1822 in the Georgetown section of Washington D.C., King affixed his father William's name to his surname as a distinguishing factor from the many James Kings in town; a unique move, he later recollected, to keep his mail from going astray.

An industrious youth, he had left home at 15 for Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he worked first as a journalist, and then as a banking clerk.

King eventually returned to his hometown and married, but after a few years was inspired to travel westward by letters sent from his brother Henry, an original Oregon settler. Temporarily leaving his wife and several children, he travelled to the Pacific Coast in 1848, arriving in San Francisco that November.

With a small group of men engaged for mining in the frenzied wave of the gold rush, he skillfully mined enough gold at the fields to return to the City and open a banking house by the end of the following year.

Successful business sense and wise investments soon made him one of the most powerful bankers in town, and he might have remained at that status if not for the terrible mismanagement of funds by one of his trusted agents, who squandered large sums of money designated for the purchase of gold dust.

Forced to liquidate his assets, King briefly worked for another highly regarded financial institution, but when it too failed, he swayed his interests back to journalism.

Hired by Publisher C.O. Gerberding to edit the new Daily Evening Bulletin, King was given full editorial control of the small four-page newspaper, which made its debut on October 8, 1855.

Perhaps fueled by the deceit dealt him in previous endeavors, King used his editorial powers to the fullest in recklessly lashing out at individuals he felt contributed to the bad elements of San Francisco. As an original member of the 1851 Committee of Vigilance, he especially targeted known lawbreakers, starting a strong campaign against editor Casey for alleged illegal ballot box stuffing which gained the Sunday Times editor a seat on the Board of Supervisors.

When Casey's embarassing Sing Sing prison record was boldly referred to in several Bulletin editorials, further agitated by King's written and verbal refusals to tone-down his accusations, the enraged rival shot King in the chest on May 14, 1856.

Running to a nearby police station, Casey sought refuge from the gathering crowd of San Franciscans already furious with a rash of recent local killings. Many men sooned formed a second Vigilance Committee, demanding that both Casey and Charles Cora, an imprisoned local gambler who had recently killed a U.S. marshall, be relinquished to them.

Upon King's death on May 20, 1856, both prisoners were given a bried trial and summarily hanged on makeshift scafolding outside the vigilantes' headquarters. Henry King later assumed his late brother's editorial post.

SHARE with the Homeless

"People want to do something for the homeless, just giving money doesn't do it." Sound familiar? Sister Rosanne Van Housen at St. Patrick's Church in Marin has helped her congregation find a direct way of putting compassion into action through the SHARE program. Money is collected and SHARE units are purchased (15 this month!), which are then donated for the homeless.

SHARE is a program that can help you and your family...and the homeless, too. For $13 and two hours of community service a month, you can receive a box of groceries worth $25-$35! There are no forms to fill out or red tape to signing up. Simply bring your $13 per food package and find out how you can help. For information, call 1-800-499-2506.

BOOK REVIEW

Jane & Michael Stern's Encyclopedia of Pop Culture (Harper Perennial; 606 pgs.; $17.50)

Having to be among the best of this season's literary stocking stuffers, this thick book of eccentric interests prides itself in providing a fair definition of "aerobics and bubblegum to Valley of the Dolls and Moon Unit Zappa," not to mention such diverse topics as Muhammed Ali, Bonanza, CB radios, 7-Eleven, rap music, Star Trek, Madonna, I Love Lucy, Mustangs, The Three Stooges, and Zamfir. Some things absolutely refuse to quit bothering us and go away. Relive them with this book.

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Mayors of San Francisco

WILLIAM ALVORD

As the 1871 mayoral election approached, the Taxpayer's Reform Party took great strides finding an electable candidate to fill the post being vacated by incumbent Thomas Selby. Popular local businessman William Alvord was soon nominated, winning handily in the September elections to become San Francisco's 14th mayor on December 4, 1871.

Born on January 3, 1833, in Albany, New York, Alvord left the East Coast for California at the age of 20, gradually making his way to Marysville, where he and a partner opened a successful hardware business. But the thrill of fast growing San Francisco compelled him to leave for the City three years later where he opened a prosperous importing firm named William Alvord & Company.

He later had a hand in the formation of Pacific Rolling Mills.

Among his numerous titles, Alvord served as the City's police commissioner, first president of the San Francisco Arts Commission, and president of the California Academy of Sciences. He died in San Francisco on December 21, 1904 at the age of 71, having lived his life exclusively the businessman's businessman.

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CELEBRATION - 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

DPH Health Center #3, located at 1525 Silver Anniversary on December 8, 1992. The Health Center has served the Bernal Heights, Portola, Visitacion Valley and Bayview/Hunters Point neighborhoods with preventive public health services and in recent years with providing primary care services.

The public is welcomed and patients, both current and former, are especially welcomed to join us from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on December 8, 1992.

If you have any pictures or any fond memories to share, please call Madeline Ritchie, District Health Director, at 468-1435 so we can include these in our celebration.

Holiday Gift Certificates Available at San Francisco SPCA

Wondering what to give the person who has everything? How about a holiday gift certificate from the San Francisco SPCA? The SF/SPCA is currently offering $25 gift certificates good for a free pet adoption or free spay or neuter surgery.

The adoption certificate entitles its bearer to choose a cat or dog from our animal shelter. These one-of-a-kind canines and cuddly kitties provide their new owners with a lifetime of love and companionship. And the SF/SPCA adoption package includes 30 day medical assistance, a free cat carrier or dog leash, animal behavior counseling, vaccinations, and free spay or neuter surgery.

For friends who already own a dog or cat, the SF/SPCA is offering $25 spay/neuter gift certificates. You can join our effort to end pet overpopulation by encouraging loved ones to have their pets spayed or neutered. What better incentive than a gift certificate?

Holiday gift certificates are available at the SF/SPCA, 2500 Sixteenth Street, and at SF/SPCA Mobile Adoption Outreach sites throughout the City. The animal shelter opens for adoptions at 11 a.m. daily.

BOOK REVIEW

Left Coast City: Progressive Politics in San Francisco 1975-1991 by Richard Edward DeLeon (University Press of Kansas; 252 pgs.; $14.95)

Founder and director of San Francisco State University's Public Research Institute, DeLeon has written an excellent account of City politics from the transition of the Alioto to Moscone administrations through the upset municipal elections of fall 1991; an interesting update to Frederick Wirt's Power in the City published by UC Press in 1974.

Many of the characters and events making headlines locally in the last 17 years are recapped chronilogically as DeLeon paints a concise picture of what today's San Francisco has become through the modern politics of progressivism and limited growth.

(If you wish to submit an article, pictures or other material for publication in the Grapevine, please get it in by the 20th of the month for the issue that comes out on the first of the next month.)

December 1992

Best Wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 336/30 6:00pm Meeting on change in 56 Rutland bus line (VVCC)	2 337/20 6:30pm Valleywide Parents' Council 6:30pm VVCC Music Class	3 338/28 11:00am VVCC Senior Council Meeting 7:00pm ROSBS Potrero Police Community Relations	4 339/27 7:30pm Visitacion Valley Area Residents' Assn. 8:00pm Valley Baptist Youth Groups	5 340/26 10:00am Toddly Cool Vice - 10:00am VVCC Kids Playgr 11:00am VVCC Children's A
6 341/25 10:00am Sharon Art Studio Xmas Sale: G G Park 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	7 342/24 8:00am Exhibit 'Waste-Free Holiday' at City Hall (crafts)	8 343/23 4:30pm Sunnydale Tenants Association 7:00pm El Dorado Neighborhood Betterment Council	9 344/22 6:00pm Recreation Park Advisory Committee open to all 6:30pm VVCC Music Class	10 345/21 5:30pm SF Official Tree lighting G G Park	11 346/20 8:00pm Valley Baptist Youth Groups	12 347/10 9:00am Zoo Winterfest 10:00am Toddly Cool Vice - 10:00am VVCC Kids Playgr 11:00am VVCC Children's A 1:00pm G Gate Park Band
13 348/18 1:00pm VVCC Bingo	14 349/17	15 350/10 12:00pm City Hall. Christmas Caroling for Children	16 351/15 6:30pm VVCC Music Class	17 352/14 9:00am Seniors at Marin Farmers Market USDA Surplus Food Distribution Day at VVCC	18 353/13 11:00am VVCC Childcare Program Christmas Party 8:00pm Valley Baptist Youth Groups	19 354/12 10:00am Toddly Cool Vice - 10:00am VVCC Kids Playgr 11:00am VVCC Children's A 1:00pm City Chorus Caroling
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This Holiday Season: Make it Green, Make it Cheap, Make it Sweet.

by Maria Hon, Public Outreach Coordinator for the San Francisco Recycling Program

When I was growing up, my parents insisted that my sisters and I use our imagination and creativity, not our wallets when it comes to spending the holiday season. My parents believed that money dulls the mind and strips meaning from a season that is full of opportunities for meaning and creativity. My sisters and I all went astray for a while and frequented shopping malls more than our own minds. This season, however, we've vowed to regain our tradition. We spent a cozy afternoon and dug deep into the recesses of our childhood memories for ideas to share with you. This list of general ideas is meant to stimulate your own imagination and childhood memories to build your own ideas to spending a cheap, green and meaningful holiday season.

WRAPPING

Cloth Napkins, dish towels, scarves, handkerchiefs...They wrap well and are long lasting presents in themselves.

Funny Pages, Asian Language Papers & Magazines pages with themes that delight the recipients. Plain paper - paint it, crayon it, write your favorite holiday poem on it. Old maps - for adventuresome loved ones.

Clothing - how about a book inside a T-shirt; a football ticket in a silk boxer.

Boxes, baskets, tins.

Cardboard - tear off the top layer. The corrugated surface makes a textourous wrapping material.

Coconut shell - put your present inside. Tie up with twine, dry grass, etc.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

The horrors of mobs in the mall during the holiday season sends waves of stress up and down my spine. It's Christmas at its worst. I have solved this dilemma by sharing my time, and talent instead of swapping "things" from the mall.

Sharing Time

- massages for practically everyone, babysitting tokens for Thirty-something friends on the move, garage sale help-coupons. Certificates to help build a compost bin, plant a tree or a garden.
- For kids, a calendar with a summer weekend circled for a whale-watching excursion, a date for a camping trip; a story about your own childhood; a game of Pictionary, or Scrabble along with a list of play-dates.
- For your significant other, a weekend at a bed-and-breakfast, a date for a long walk in the woods.

Sharing Talent

- certificates for home-cooked hearty meals
- a poem, a song, a story, a limerick, home-made jams, salsa, salad dressings, sauces and bread
- napkins, tea towels and handkerchiefs with monograms
- hand-painted flower pots

Mother Earth's Favorite Gifts from Stores

Consider buying long lasting gifts. How about a solar battery charger with a pack of nickle cadmium rechargeable batteries; recycled writing paper and cards, reusable canvas or string shopping bags, biodegradable lotions, soaps, and shampoos in refillable containers, spices and herbs, ceramic mugs and candles (see suggested "green" stores in box)

Gift Stores:

- EarthSake, 1805 4th Street (Delaware), Berkeley, 626-0722
- Planet Weaver's Treasure Store, 1573 Haight Street (Clayton) 864-4415
- Global Exchange Third World Craft Center, 3900 24th St. (Sanchez) 648-8068
- Sierra Club Bookstore, 730 Polk Street (Larkin) 923-5600
- Greenpeace Store, 890 North Point, 923-5600
- Eco-Choice (201) 535-6304
- Mountain Ark Trading Co. (800) 643-8909

THE TREE

How about just consider decorating your favorite tree or plant. Get your neighbors together and decorate selected trees on your street.

If you are purchasing a tree, consider a live one. Live trees can be planted in pots to be used year after year, or they can be planted outside or donated to Bay area parks.

If you do want to keep the family tradition of going to a tree farm and choosing your own dense, pungent tree, then make sure to recycle it.

In San Francisco, TreeCycling is easier than ever, this year. Just put your tree on the curb next to your blue bin on your first recycling day after New Year's Day. Call the San Francisco Recycling Hotline if you can TreeCycle on your designated day.

Decorate it with paper chains, snowflakes made from scrap per, cards, dried flowers, pine cones, fall leaves, photographs, ribbons, yarn, drawings and paintings, shells, sand dollars, popcorn, cranberries, cloth, and edibles like cookies and candies.

And When It's All Over...

Keep old cards for reuse.

Recycle your tree. (on the curb on your first recycling day after New Year's Day)

Compost your vegetable and fruit scraps. Call SLUG 285-7585.

Donate your unwanted clothing, toys, household goods and other items to local thrift stores, homeless shelters and other charitable organizations.

REGULAR MEETINGS OF CITY COMMISSIONS & BOARDS

Airports Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Arts Commission	1st Monday	3:00PM
Board of Education	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:00PM
Board of Supervisors	each Monday	2:00PM
Commission on Aging	1st Wednesday	9:30AM
Comm - Status of Women	4th Thursday	4:00PM
Health Commission	1st & 3rd Tuesday	3:00PM
Housing Authority Comm	2nd & 4th Thursday	4:00PM
Human Rights Comm	1st & 3rd Thursday	4:30PM
Library Commission	1st Tuesday	4:30PM
Planning Commission	each Thursday	1:30PM
Police Commission	each Wednesday	5:30PM
Port Commission	1st Tues & 3rd Wed	4:30PM
Public Utilities Comm	2nd & 4th Tuesday	2:00PM
Recreation & Parks	3rd Thursday	2:00PM
Social Services Comm	4th Thursday	9:30AM

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The Society Page

Wilson Warriors' Varsity Baseball Coach, Dan Harrington.

Susan Dickens is the new VVMS Band Director.

Mr. John Curran, Visitacion Valley Middle School Vice Principal, did the M.C. honors at the dedication of Vis' new gym floor.

Eugene Lacay, TCV staffer shows Karate trophy he won in the Reno, Nev. tournament.

The new VVMS band plays up a storm!

Please send your announcements, invitations, photos, greetings, and other social items, whether hi-brow, low-life, serious or silly, to the GRAPEVINE, c/o VVCC, 50 Raymond Ave., San Francisco, CA 94134, or call 467-6400.

Tuntex U.S.A. Corporation will be building 600 condominiums south of Candlestick starting later this winter. They have promised that they will require the Architects and Contractors to hire 50% of the workers from the 94134 and 94124 zip codes. Visitacion Valley Community Center and Young Community Developers have been designated to be the agencies to receive applications for jobs.

CALL VVCC AT 467-6400 OR FILL IN AND SEND THE FORM BELOW TO 50 RAYMOND AV, SF 94134

Name: ______________________

Address: ______________________

ZipCode: __________ Phone: __________

Type of work you can do: __________

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Are you eligible to belong? __________

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